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**DOYLE LEWIS AND ROBERT GOWAN JOIN BREDESEN ADMINISTRATION
AS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS AT C & I**

Commerce and Insurance Commissioner Paula A. Flowers announced the appointments of Nashville attorney Robert E. Gowan and former state Rep. Doyle ``Butch'' Lewis as Assistant Commissioners for the Department.

``I'm delighted to have men of such talent and energy on our team," said Flowers, whose wide-ranging responsibilities cover regulation of insurance, securities, dozens of licensed professions, codes enforcement and the State Fire Marshal's office.

Gowan, 38, joins Commerce and Insurance as Assistant Commissioner for Regulatory Boards, where he will supervise the agency's 22 Regulatory Boards, with an emphasis on providing more efficient regulation and customer service and a new focus on consumer education and outreach. Between them, the Boards issue more than 100 different professional licenses, from accounting to cosmetology to boxing.

Gowan is an attorney for the Nashville law firm of Stokes Bartholomew Evans and Petree. He served as special assistant to Nashville Mayor Phil Bredesen in 1998-99, and was responsible for policy issues including transportation, capital projects, land use policy, infrastructure planning, solid waste and corrections. He is a 1997 graduate of the Nashville School of Law.

Lewis, 56, becomes the department's Assistant Commissioner for Administration, where he will supervise the day-to-day administrative operations of the department and oversee the modernization of its information and management systems.

Lewis, a native of Manchester, is an entrepreneur and banker who served five terms in the Tennessee House of Representatives, where he was an officer of the Commerce Committee and member of the House Finance Ways and Means Committee and the Fiscal Review Committee. He has served as senior vice president of American City Bank in Manchester.